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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF ARRESTED CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTIVISTS

REF: SEOUL 5410

1. THE TRIAL OF REV. PAK HYONG-KYU, WHO WAS ARRESTED ON JUNE 29 (REFTEL BEGAN ON AUGUST 21. AUGUST 22 HANGUK ILBO AND CHOSON ILBO BRIEFLY NOTED THE TRIAL WHILE THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM (CBS) BROADCAST A REPORT ON THE TRIAL IN WHICH PARK WAS QUOTED AS DENYING ANY ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT. PAK REPORTEDLY ADMITTED TO CRITICIZING THE ROKG AND FINANCING THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS AT THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, BUT ASSERTED THAT HIS PURPOSE WAS ONLY TO MAKE A PEACEFUL PROTEST TO AWAKEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

2. A KOREAN PRESENT AT THE TRIAL HAS CONFIRMED THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE CBS STORY. HE REPORTS THAT PAK MADE A STRONG PRESENTATION OF HIS CASE THAT HIS ONLY OBJECTIVE WAS TO OPPOSE INJUSTICE AND GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION. THIS SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE NEXT COURT SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 28 WHEN OTHER DEFENDANTS WILL BE
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QUESTIONED. HE SPECULATED JUDGEMENT MAY BE GIVEN

BY EARLY SEPTEMBER.

3. EMBASSY SOURCE STATES MANY CHURCHES ARE HOLDING
PRAYER MEETINGS IN SUPPORT OF REV PAK AND
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE ARE BEING CLOSELY
FOLLOWED BY ROK CHRISTIANS.
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